

## Waterworks Board Report

April 2005

- **SAB** The Service Advisory Board met having a quorum present. A brief summary of pertinent IW activity was presented followed by a preview of the Regional Water Authority Report. Ms. Pallotta of Malcom Pirnie made the presentation. A copy of the material used by her is included in the IW Board materials. The same RWA preview presentation is also included in today's agenda. VWI described the dredging done at the canal intake area to the White River Water Treatment Plant; the EPA Grant application; the formal beginning of its ISO certification process; and, showed the videos being televised regarding various aspects of water operations and quality, customer receptiveness measurements and conservation suggestions.
- **TAG** The Technical Advisory Group met in March. Veolia was studying the observations made by the Algal Control Work Group in February and was re-evaluating its protocols for responding to new information about the presence of toxin-producing algae or the presence of algal toxin. It was requested that a group of people continue the discussion with state officials to assure that the Cutrine application permit is written in manner that it is perfectly clear and is logistically always possible to apply Cutrine even in high dissolved oxygen conditions if that is the wisest policy for public health protection. An education organization (Marion County Wellfield Education Committee (MCWEC)) appointed by the Mayor and the City-County Council and funded by fees from the water utilities oversees public and commercial education in the well fields about proper behavior for existing and on-going operations. MCWEC is evaluating its effectiveness this year in achieving adequate protection. Issues planned for future discussion include: Whether the government regulatory controls on business, institutional or residential behavior in the well fields in Central Indiana should be tightened? What law(s) to change (state, county)? What regulation(s) to promulgate (state, county, city)? Which agency to expand resources and focus? What is benefit versus cost for each proposed strategy?
- **IUPPS** The Indiana Underground Plant Protection Services (IUPPS) Board had only committee meetings. There are no legislative proposals contemplated for 2006 at this time. However, a utility focus group is planned for June. Something affecting new legislative plans might arise from this gathering.
- **Five Year Capital Plan Proposal** Three meetings related to the Short and Long Term Plan were held as precursors to the next Five Year Capital Plan due on May 31. Projects that could be identified as funded by potential bond proceeds were discussed. The major emphasis for these projects was that they needed to be significant infrastructure improvements that exceeded the minimums contained in the Management Agreement Capital Project Definitions. Everyone may recall that new bond proceeds have been contemplated in the fiscal component included in capital outlooks presented to the IW Board for the past three years.

- **Regional water Authority Study** Progress continues on schedule. The study was previewed to the SAB attendees. The same preview is on this meeting's agenda.
- **Carmel** The final hearing is scheduled for November of 2005. Considerable effort related to the discovery answer process was applied.
- **Westfield.** Signed agreements were received from Westfield and have been executed by appropriate entities for IW and the City of Indianapolis. Additional Memorandums of Understanding are being processed to allow certain sub-divisions to be built in the Westfield Territory not now actually served by Westfield Public Works.
- **Cicero** No property appraisal has been completed.
- **Plainfield** A new proposal has been offered by the town of Plainfield for IW Board consideration. The major question yet to be resolved concerns how best to meet terms of the water purchase contract entered in by IWC and acquired by IW as part of the water works purchase.
- **Lawrence** No communications.
- **Darlington** Legal activity continues. An appraisal is needed. Staff is taking steps to have a proper appraisal completed. One City County Council member has indicated a willingness to consider sponsoring the appropriate ordinance when its time comes.
- **Water Tank Painting** No change from last month.
- **Area Rate Program** Twelve potential customers at South Sherman Drive and Banta Road have petitioned for this program. This number represents 100% of the neighborhood potential. The 62<sup>nd</sup> and Coburn potential project has been extended in an attempt to gain more residential acceptances. The number of residences agreeing to participate to date is about half of the number needed to authorize the program.
- **Shelby County** Work continues on the main extension to Triton Schools. The main installation is proceeding very close to plan and is projected to be finished on schedule. The school district's final contribution in aid of capital is scheduled for receipt during the month following hook-up to the school.
- **Relay Towers** A request to construct a relay tower on the Tom Moses Water Treatment Plant site has been received. This tower is for a cellular telephone company. A fifty by fifty foot plot with access for maintenance and operations is required. Lease discussions continue.
- **ISO** IW staff attended the International Standards Organization auditor's initial meeting and exit interview. IW staff attendance was in an observation role.

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